

The Kenai-Russian River Collaborative Public Process

Working Together to Reduce Human-Bear Conflicts

Tuesday, October 25 – 6:00-9:00 p.m.

**Soldotna – Gilman River Center
514 Funny River Road**

The public is invited to work with management agencies in developing a five-year action plan to reduce human-bear conflicts at the Kenai-Russian River area. The goals of the action plan are to minimize adverse human-bear encounters and related public/employee safety incidents, while providing recreation opportunities and conserving fish and wildlife resources. This public forum builds on meetings held with the public in April 2011 in Cooper Landing, Soldotna, Anchorage and Wasilla, and other comments received.

Objectives for this Evening

- Hear results of agencies' investigations – and in some cases preliminary findings – about different management options to reduce human-bear conflicts at the Kenai-Russian River area.
- Provide for additional questions and discussion about the management options being considered. Public input will help agencies as they develop the five-year action plan.

A “*Discussion Guide*” has been prepared as a handout – to present information and help you comment on the management actions being considered.

You are invited to write comments in the “*Public Comment Worksheet*” during the evening and submit those comments tonight (or mail them later to: Jan Caulfield, 114 S. Franklin St., Ste. 203, Juneau, AK 99801).

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### **Agenda**

*Sign-in and refreshments*

6:00 Welcome / Introductions

6:05 Introduce Evening Session – Purpose, Objectives, Format

6:10 Presentations & Discussion

- 6:20 pm Fish waste management options
- 7:10 pm Temporal or spatial closures
- 7:40 pm Bear Management (Behaviors & Population)

8:00 Break

8:20 Open House – Address the following topic areas and management options

- Education
- Regulations and Enforcement
- Facilities, Trails & Visibility Improvements

8:50 Closing – Next Steps

9:00 Adjourn

### **For More Information:**

- Go to: <https://projects.ecr.gov/kenai-russianriver/>
- Contact project facilitator: Jan Caulfield, [janc@gci.net](mailto:janc@gci.net) or at 907-523-4610 (in Juneau)

**Email Comments to:** [comments-alaska-chugach-seward@fs.fed.us](mailto:comments-alaska-chugach-seward@fs.fed.us)

Please put “Kenai-Russian River Comment” in the email’s subject line